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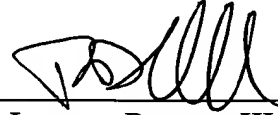
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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, please amend the  
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Amendment to the claims begins on page 2;

Applicant's remarks begin on page 9.